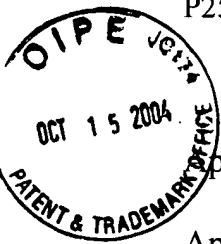


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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in an International Search Report issued May 20, 2003 for corresponding International Application No. PCT/JP03/00304 to the attention of the Examiner:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-227708, along with a partial English language translation;

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Applicants note that the category of relevance of each of the above-mentioned documents with respect to the various claims of the International Application, as well as the relevant passages of these documents, is as discussed in the International Search Report, a copy of which was filed on July 15, 2004.

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Copies of the Japanese documents, and the English language abstracts thereof, are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Further, each of the above-mentioned documents is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each listed document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing and signing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the signed and initialed form with the next communication.

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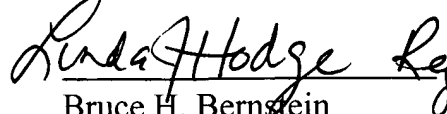
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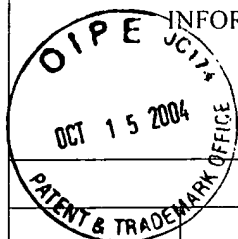
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